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CAPACITY OF OLD COAL BASED THERMAL POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase/start the capacity of old coal based thermal power stations in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The Government of India has accorded high priority to Renovation &Modernisation (R&M)/Life Extension (LE) of old power stations to increase generation from these stations by virtue of the short gestation period and low cost. The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has formulated a perspective plan for 10th & 11th Plans forR&M/LE of thermal power stations to improve the performance and extend the life of old thermal power stations in the country. During the 10th Plan, 141 thermal units with a total capacity of 16853 MW have been identified for R&M and LE with an outlay ofRs.10,000 crores. After its implementation, an additional generation of about 26,000 MU/annum is expected to be achieved. In addition, the life of 106 old thermal units having a capacity of 10,413 MW will get extended by another 15-20 years.